IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

MERIT LEASING CO., INC.
Debtor

CASE NO. 07-04576 (ESL 7)

CHAPTER 7

STIPULATION TO SETTLE PRIDCO'S REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR POST-PETITION STORAGE RENT

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

BY COUNSEL COMES THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, and PUERTO RICO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, ("PRIDCO"), through their respective counsels of record and respectfully submit this *Stipulation and/or Compromise to Settle* pursuant to Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. In support of their request the parties would show unto the Court as follows:

WHEREAS: On July 7, 2008, PRIDCO filed a Motion for Allowance of Administrative Payment for Post-Petition Storage Rent. See Dkt. 66. In said motion, PRIDCO requested the payment of \$18,102.73 as an administrative expense for the post petition storage rent accrued as of July 31, 2008.

WHEREAS: On August 15, 2008, the Honorable Court issued an Order granting PRIDCO's motion as unopposed. See Dkt. 71.

WHEREAS: On December 18, 2009, PRIDCO filed an Amended Motion for Allowance of Administrative Payment for Post Petition Storage Rent to include the amounts accrued as of April 14, 2009. In sum, PRIDCO requested payment of post petition storage rent in the amount of \$31,483.00. See Dkt. 109

WHEREAS: On January 7, 2010, the Ch. 7 Trustee filed an Opposition to PRIDCO's Amended Request for Payment of Administrative Expenses. See Dkt. 110.

WHEREAS: On January 26, 2010, PRIDCO filed a Reply to Ch. 7 Trustee's Opposition to PRIDCO's Amended Request for Payment of Administrative Expenses. See Dkt. 113.

WHEREAS: On February 2, 2010, this Honorable Court issued an Order and Notice scheduling a Pre Trial Conference for April 23, 2010 at 9:30 AM. See Dkt. 115.

WHEREAS: On February 16, 2010, the Ch. 7 Trustee filed a Sur-Reply to PRIDCO's Reply. See Dkt. 120.

WHEREAS: The parties understand that it would be in the best interest of the estate to settle PRIDCO's original and amended Request for Payment of Administrative Expense for Post Petition Storage Rent (Dkts. 66 and 109) through a Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement; NOW, IT IS THEREFORE AGREED THAT:

ONE: By the execution of this Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement, the Ch. 7 Trustee and PRIDCO jointly request its approval by the Court;

Two: This Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement shall become effective only upon issuance of an order by the Court approving all the terms and conditions thereof;

THREE: The Ch. 7 Trustee agrees to pay PRIDCO the amount of \$12,500.00 as a Ch. 7 Administrative Super Priority;

FOUR: The Ch. 7 Trustee shall make the above-mentioned payment to PRIDCO within ten (10) days of the issuance of the Order approving the present Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement;

FIVE: Subject to availability of funds in the estate and to the distribution scheme of the Bankruptcy Code, the Ch. 7 Trustee agrees that PRIDCO has an unsecured claim in the amount of \$35,511.57. To such effects, PRIDCO will amend its claim to request an unsecured amount of \$35,511.57.

SIX: The parties to this Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement covenant and obligate themselves to execute all documents that may be necessary or convenient to implement its provisions.

SEVEN: The Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing this Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement and adjudicating any claims arising under or in connection therewith.

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EIGHT: This Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement shall bind the parties and their respective successors, assignees, heirs, privies, executors and administrators.

NINE: This document contains the sole and entire agreement between the parties and may not be changed orally.

TEN: Failure by any of the parties to exercise any right hereunder will not be considered a waiver thereof.

ELEVEN: In view of the present Stipulation, the parties hereby request that the Pre-Trial Hearing scheduled for April 24, 2010 be vacated and set aside.

TWELVE: The Trustee understands that it is in the best interest of the estate to enter in this agreement as it will avoid additional costs and expenses to the estate.

Wherefore, the parties respectfully request that the Court enter an Order approving the settlement terms set forth in this Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement with such further relief as may be just and proper.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement is executed in San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 29th day of March, 2010.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE: I hereby certify that on this same date I electronically filed this *Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement* with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF System which will send notification of such filing to all the following CM/ECF participants of this case. In addition, this *Stipulation and/or Compromise Agreement* was sent to all CM/ECF non-participants listed in the case's master address list.

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